# OPSEC for Families

Your loved one has the training, leadership and equipment needed to perform the mission and come back home to you.

But did you know that you're half of the team?

# What OPSEC is:

- Denying any useful information to the enemy
- A mindset, a way of thinking
- Applied to web pages, blogs, emails
- A standard that can be applied to any situation

# What OPSEC is NOT:

- A collection of specific rules to cover every possible situation

# Who would try to get information from a spouse?

- Foreign intelligence
- US citizens
- Terrorists
- Criminals
- Coalition partners
- Computer hackers

"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

# What information are they looking for?

- Military movement information, such as dates and locations
- Unit issues, especially morale or dissatisfaction
- Security issues, such as tactics or defenses
- Equipment issues
- Specific location of unit
- Pictures of successful attacks (both ours and theirs)
- Pictures that could be interpreted differently than intended

# What you can do

- Ensure that the information posted has no significant value to the enemy
- Always assume that the enemy is reading what you're writing
- Be careful about discussing information in public settings (clubs, airports, gyms, trains, coffee shops, shopping centers)
- Avoid publically (online or real life) speculation about future missions ("they'll probably start building up here, next")

# What you can do

Be especially careful to safeguard “indicators”, pieces of information that provide clues about future activities

- Railhead dates
- Increase in ship/field exercises
- Ceremonies
- POV storage
- Increase in financial activity, such as wills and power of attorneys

# A note on telephones

Remember that cordless phones and cell phones are NOT completely secure! Anything you say is transmitted over the airwaves and can be intercepted

Same is true with landline phones! Lines can be crossed or intentionally intercep

# The bottom line

Think like the “bad guy” before you post something online or have a public conversation.